

September 5, 2005

Dear Grantee,

Under the auspices of the current nationally declared emergency resulting from hurricane Katrina, resources (human and/or financial) from the following CDC grants to State and Local Health Departments can be used, as needed, to support deployment of individual States/localities personnel and equipment for hurricane Katrina relief efforts:

Infectious disease grants (includes, immunization, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, laboratory, West Nile virus, hepatitis, and emerging infections); Environmental Health; Injury Prevention; and, Terrorism and Emergency Preparedness

All CDC grant funds used for the purposes of hurricane Katrina relief efforts need to be clearly accounted for, and where appropriate, deployments need to be cleared through the State Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). If you plan on deploying, please call the CDC Director's Emergency Operations Center at (770) 488-7100 and ask for the Field Team Support Desk. If you have any questions about other grant funds that could be used for this purpose, please call Bill Ryan at (678) 665-4431 or Sharron Orum at (770) 488-2716.

CDC will be in touch with State and Local Health Departments within the next 90 days to be updated on which States have responded to hurricane Katrina relief efforts using CDC grant funds.

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